

2015 TIM Action Team Goals & Accomplishments

Promote and educate the use of high-visibility apparel for first responders.

SMART Goals

Objective: Increase compliance with high-visibility apparel requirements through education for all 'workers' at traffic incidents from 59% to 75% by December 31, 2014.

- This goal was not met; the compliance of responders wearing high-visibility apparel was 62.6%. This was an increase of 3.6%.

Objective: Increase compliance with high-visibility apparel requirements through education for all 'workers' at traffic incidents to 100% by December 31, 2016.

- The calendar year has not expired yet to complete this task.

Strategies

Activity: Survey agencies and companies to document if they have a Standard Operation Procedure (SOP), Official Order, or Guidelines established for wearing high-visibility apparel.

Lead Agencies: Mason County Sheriff, Charlotte Police Department, Bob Adams Towing, Marquette Alger County EMS Medical Control Authority, and St. Clair Shores Fire Department

Contact Names: Sheriff Kim Cole, Chief Lisa Sherman, Terry Adams, Lyn Nelson and Chief George Morehouse

Update: The Michigan Sheriffs' Association, Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police, and Michigan Association of Ambulance Services each created a survey for the association members to fill out. Results varied based on associations.

Activity: Create a toolbox for first responders with materials to use for training, and examples of a SOP, Official Order, or Guidelines for wearing high-visibility apparel and working near traffic.

Lead Agencies: St. Clair Shores Fire Department, Michigan State Police (MSP), Ann Arbor Fire Department, Bloomfield Township Police Department, Marquette Alger County EMS Medical Control Authority, and Bob Adams Towing

Contact Names: Chief George Morehouse, Spl/Sgt. Allan Avery, Lt. Carl Hein, Lyn Nelson, Sgt. Kim Comerford, and Terry Adams

Update: Policies have been collected from fire departments to use as examples. Roadway Safety Policy was also collected from Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority. Law Enforcement has attempted to collect policies; but, agencies are reluctant to provide any written policies. The 2016 Research Project on Further Assessment of Safe, Quick Clearance Strategies - Phase II will create toolbox items for first responders.

Activity: In basic academies, educate new first responders on high-visibility apparel compliance requirements and benefits. Include education during in-service training material and roll call training. Activities also include obtaining working on accreditation of the Mi-TIME/SHRP 2 TIM Train the Trainer (TtT) Program.

Lead Agencies: St. Clair Shores Fire Department, MSP, Bloomfield Township Police Department, Pro Med, and Bob Adams Towing

Contact Names: Chief George Morehouse, F/Lt. Jim Flegel, Sgt. Kim Comerford, Tom Schmiedeknecht, and Terry Adams

Update: MCOLES has approved this training for in-service. MSP has incorporated the 4 hour training as part of their academy. Delta Community College and Lake Superior State have also started to incorporate the training into the curriculum. The Michigan Fire Fighter Training Council has also endorsed the Mi-TIME training; but, has not made it a part of Fire I or II requirements. Department of Community Health has approved the Mi-TIME training for EMS continuing education credits.

Activity: Promote high-visibility requirements through newsletters and associations.

Lead Agencies: MSP, Livonia Fire Rescue, Ann Arbor Fire Department

Contact Names: F/Lt. Jim Flegel, Charlotte Kilvington, Chief Shadd Whitehead, Lt. Carl Hein

Update: Article on requirements of high-visibility apparel has been published in first responder newsletters.

Activity: Continue implementation of the Michigan Traffic Incident Management Effort (Mi-TIME)/ Strategic Highway Research Program (SHRP 2) TIM TtT Program and revise program material to include needs for all first responders in Michigan.

Lead Agencies: Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) and Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)

Contact Names: Angie Kremer and Dave Morena

Update: The Mi-TIME training is underway. Material is being modified as required to meet the needs of first responders and instructors. Agencies are working on training goals.

Coordinate traffic incident response between all responders.

SMART Goals

Objective: Implement the SHRP 2 TIM TtT/Mi-TIME program in Michigan and have 1,500 first responders trained by December 31, 2016.

- This goal has been met with 3,419 first responders trained as of March 28, 2016. A website for Mi-TIME was created. The website is used to request training; display scheduled trainings with openings; and provide other resources for first responders. www.michigan.gov/mi-timesafe
 - The TIM Action Team has set a new SMART goal: Continue Mi-TIME training in Michigan to train 20% (6,500) of the first responder community by December 31, 2016.

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Activity: Develop guidelines and templates describing when/how to implement After Action Reviews (AARs) for traffic incidents.

Lead Agencies: Bloomfield Township Police Department, MDOT, and Mason County Sheriff Office

Contact Names: Sgt. Craig Shackelford, Dayo Akinyemi, and Sheriff Kim Cole

Update: Two templates for examples of After Actions Reviews have been developed. Final review will be done and posted to the Mi-TIME website.

Activity: Help mutual understanding of each first responder's roles and responsibilities at a traffic incident by creating a video, "Who's in Charge in Michigan?"

Lead Agencies: MSP, Northville Township Fire Department, Kent County Road Commission, Joe Ballor Towing, Pro Med, and Sparrow Forensic Pathology - Ingham Medical Examiner Office

Contact Names: Lt. Gary Megge, Spl/Sgt. Allan Avery, MC Lt. Charles Black, Director Richard Marinucci, Tim Haagsma, Lt. Tim Jones, Joel Ballor, Tom Schmiedeknecht, and Ken Daniel

Update: Concept for the video has started. MDOT videographer came to a TIM Action Team Meeting to discuss the needs and brainstorm the video.

Conduct training in traffic incident management for all stakeholder groups.

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Provide training information on the new secondary crash fields for integration with MSP UD-10 training by December 2015.

- This task has been discussed with Trooper Scott Carlson for incorporation into the new online training for law enforcement.

Strategies

Ongoing Activities:

Activity: Encourage a TIM general session and more TIM breakout sessions at the Traffic Safety Summit.

Lead Agency: TIM Action Team

Contact Name: Angie Kremer and Sgt. Craig Shackelford

Update: The TIM Action Team has submitted 3 breakout sessions and 1 general session for the Traffic Safety Summit each year for the last 3 years. Most years, only one TIM breakout session was chosen. The Team feels that the GTSAC should support to have a TIM general session at the Traffic Safety Summit.

Activity: Champion the topic of Traffic Incident Management at existing conferences and training.

Lead Agency: TIM Action Team

Contact Name: Angie Kremer and Sgt. Craig Shackleford

Update: The team continues to find opportunities to have TIM at conferences for different first responder communities around the state. TIM has been a part of quarterly trainings with the Southeast Oakland County Crash Investigation Team (SOCCIT). ITS Michigan's Traffic Incident Management Partnering Workshop held in March each year focuses on TIM in Southeast Michigan.

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Short-Term (1-2 years) Activities: Incorporate TIM in tabletop exercises and work with Emergency Management. Table Top Exercises are also in Mi-TIME/SHRP 2 Training.

Lead Agency: TIM Action Team

Contact Name: Angie Kremer and Sgt. Craig Shackleford

Update: Smaller tabletop exercises are a part of the Mi-TIME training. Each Mi-TIME instructor has been given a tabletop exercise kit to enable them to do the exercises as a part of the training. Agencies are now starting to do tabletop exercises as a method to pre-plan response to major traffic incidents.

Provide public education on safe, quick clearance and vehicle removal laws.

SMART Goals

Objective: Through a targeted public education campaign, increase awareness of the Steer It, Clear It Law among the public from 13% to 50 % percent by September 30, 2016.

- Strategies have been done but the calendar year has not expired yet to complete this task. Activities to increase the public knowledge have started with a life-size cutout of Captain ClearIt for photos, Dynamic Message Board messages, messages on the screens at the Secretary of State Branch Offices, and brochures. A MDOT research project is starting in 2016 to determine if the goal is met and which further steps are needed in Michigan for Safe, Quick Clearance.

Strategies

Methods to educate the public on the Steer It, Clear It law:

- Use Captain ClearIt, Public Outreach for Safe, Quick Clearance • Informational Brochure

- Newsletter / Magazine Articles • Stickers and Magnets • Static Signs • Posters
- Drivers Education Programs • Electronic Billboards • Gas Station TV
- Secretary of State Envelopes • Drivers Training (Also Driver Improvement Programs)

Lead Agency: TIM Action Team

Contact Name: Angie Kremer and Sgt. Craig Shackleford

Update: Brochures have been printed and posted on the Mi-TME website. The brochure has also been incorporated into the Mi-TIME trainings.

Messages on Dynamic Message Boards have been developed with a clearer message for the public.

Activity: Encourage training and equipment to meet objectives of Traffic Incident Management

Lead Agency: TIM Action Team

Contact Name: Angie Kremer and Sgt. Craig Shackleford

Update: New equipment continues to be reviewed. Towing & Recovery tags were developed due to the I-94 Mega crash that are being used to track and expedite multi-vehicle incident scenes.